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This is a response to the petition, under 37 CFR 1.181, filed March 8, 2005 and resubmitted again on May 9, 2005, in Application No. 10/604,201, to merge that file with the files in Application Nos. 10/604,197, 10/604,198 and 10/604,199 and that the filing fees in Application Nos. 10/604,197, 10/604,198 and 10/604,199 be refunded. The petition is being treated under 37 CFR 1.182.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner argues that three attempts to file the application(10/604,197, 10/604,198 and 10/604,199) using the Electronic Filing System (EFS), were each met with error messages that led the applicant to believe that the applications had not been accepted. It was on the fourth attempt (10/604,201) that it appeared that the application had been accepted.

As such, the showing of record is that the applications filed on June 30, 2003, were each processed as new applications and that it was due to Office error. Accordingly, the papers present in the file of Application Nos. 10/604,197, 10/604,198 and 10/604,199 will be merged into the file of Application No. 10/604,201.

The filing fees paid on June 30, 2003 in Application Nos. 10/604,197, 10/604,198 and 10/604,199 will be refunded to petitioner.

This matter will be referred to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for merging the file of application nos. 10/604,197, 10/604,198 and 10/604,199 into 10/604,201. Application Nos 10/604,197, 10/604,198 and 10/604,199 will no longer be active serial numbers. All future correspondence concerning these applications should be directed to application No. 10/604,201.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patricia Faison-Ball". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P".

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